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Will 2026 Be a Year of War With Iran, Russia and China?

The Growing Threat of Global Conflict

While the vast majority of the global population desires peace, current international events continue to drive the world toward a major conflict. The escalating drumbeats of war suggest that society is approaching a dangerous point of no return. Historical precedents like World War I and World War II demonstrate that once large-scale hostilities begin, they become nearly impossible to stop, resulting in tens of millions of deaths. Given the immense power of modern weaponry, a Third World War between major powers could potentially result in billions of casualties.

Escalating Tensions with Iran

There is significant concern that war with Iran could erupt again in the near future. Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian recently declared that his nation is in a state of **total war** with the United States, Israel, and Europe. He describes this conflict as a complex "siege" that targets Iran politically, economically, and culturally, claiming it is even more difficult to navigate than the prolonged Iran-Iraq War of the 1980s.

Iran has reportedly rebuilt its strategic missile arsenal to a position of greater strength than it held during previous conflicts. President Pezeshkian has warned that any further attacks on the nation will be met with a more decisive response. Meanwhile, reports indicate that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is planning to discuss potential strikes against Tehran's ballistic missile program with President Trump.

The Russia-Ukraine Conflict and European Involvement

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov has alleged that European allies are preparing for direct combat with Russia on the battlefield. While some media outlets suggest a desire for peace, the current frameworks for a "peace plan" appear unlikely to be accepted by the Russian government. President Zelensky continues to resist demands to cede the Luhansk and Donetsk regions, while Russia remains opposed to the presence of NATO forces monitoring any potential ceasefire.

If diplomatic efforts fail, U.S. officials have suggested aggressive measures, such as seizing tankers carrying Russian oil. Russia has countered with warnings that any European troop contingents deployed to Ukraine will be considered legitimate military targets. As Russian forces continue to capture territory and logistics hubs in the Zaporozhie and Donetsk regions, the pressure for European leaders to intervene militarily increases. Such a development would bring the world one step closer to nuclear war.

Confrontation with China and the Venezuelan Connection

Tensions with China are also mounting following the approval of the largest arms sale to Taiwan in history. In response, China imposed sanctions on 20 U.S. defense companies and their executives, freezing assets and

banning trade. Beijing has reiterated that the Taiwan question is a **red line** that must not be crossed, warning that those who engage in arms sales will face consequences.

Furthermore, China has criticized the U.S. practice of seizing oil tankers off the coast of Venezuela, calling it a violation of international law. Because Venezuela holds the world's largest proven oil reserves and China is its primary purchaser, a military confrontation involving Venezuela could eventually evolve into a direct military conflict with China.

A Critical Turning Point

The world has reached a critical turning point where choosing peace is essential to avoid cataclysmic consequences. However, much of the Western world remains distracted by entertainment and largely unaware of the severity of these global developments. The time to stop a world-altering war is before it begins.